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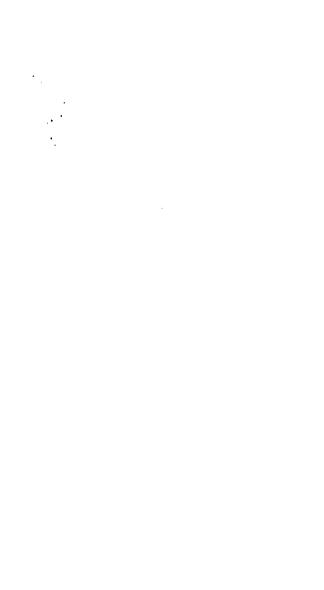
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#### SECTION I.

GOD AND HIS ATTRIBUTES.

1. You have learned the great truth that there is a God; give me, in a few words, your views of God.

God is that great and glorious Being who created all things, and whom it is our duty to love, worship, and obey.

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only

shalt thou serve."—Matthew iv. 10.

2. Is the nature of God material, like that of the human body, and like other substances in the world around us?

No: God is a spirit; and a spirit hath not flesh and bones, nor any of those gross properties which belong to matter.—John iv. 24; Luke xxiv. 39.

3. You have said that God is a great and glorious Being; what do you mean by those terms?

I mean that he is an infinite Being, and that all his attributes and perfections are infinitely great and glorious.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."—I's, exiv. 3; lob xi.7.

. own nature.

Tod is eternal, independent, unchangeal ty, everywhere present, knowing all thin thy wise, good, holy, just, true, and in happy. These properties are called i ttes and perfections of God. I wish you ight views of your Maker, therefore to at you understand by the eternity of God derstand by it that his existence is withough or end; that it always was and always

o you remember any passages in Howe which declare God to be eternal?
in Psalm xc. 2 it is said, "Before the ins were brought forth, or ever thou had the earth and the world, even from ever to everlasting, thou art God:" there are there texts which declare the same truth

"I AM THAT I AM"—I exist by myself.—Exodus iii. 14.

9. State your views as to God's immutability.

I mean that God's nature is unchangeable.

I mean that God's nature is unchangeable. All created beings change, but Jehovah never changes. The same being he is now, he always was, and always will be.

10. Can you refer to one or two passages of Scripture which declare that God is unchangeable?

There are many such. "I am the Lord, I change not."—Malachi iii. 6. "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish but thou shall endure: yea all of them shall wax old like a garment: and as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end."—Psalm cii. 25-27.

11. What do you mean by the Omnipresence of God?

I mean that God's presence is everywhere at the same moment of time.

"Do not I fill heaven and earth?"—Jer. xxiii. 24. "Behold the heaven and the heaven of heavens connect.

To you believe that God knows the ver's and desires of the heart?

As he is present in all places, so he y acquainted with all things. Nothin upe his notice. The secret thoughts of the as open to him as the most public action fe.

Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth a inations of the thoughts."—I Chronicles xxviii.! Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, eve every man according to his ways."—Jeremia

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"O Lord, thou hast searched me and know
u knowest my downsitting and mine uprising
erstandest my thought afar off, thou compasses
and my lying down, and art acquainted wit
tys." "If I say, Surely the darkness shall cove
the night shall be a light about me. Yes, th
hideth not from thee; but the night shineth s
the darkness and the light are both alike t

God all things are possible."—Matthew xix. 26. "I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."—Job xlii. 2.

15. What do you mean by the perfect wisdom

of God?

I mean that infinite skill by which God perfectly knows what are the best ends to accomplish, and what are the best means to attain them.

"He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength."—Job ix. 4. "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite."—Psalm exivii. 5. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."—Romans xi. 33.

16. Goodness is an attribute of God: will you

briefly state your views of his goodness?

By his goodness I understand that benevolent or loving disposition in God which prompts him to do good to his creatures, and causes him to delight in their welfare and happiness. In creation and providence, but especially in redemption, the goodness of God is gloriously manifested.

"God is love."—John iv. 16. "The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works."—Psalm extv. 9.

17. What do you mean by the holiness, the jus-

tice, and the truth of God?

By his holiness, I mean not only the absence of all evil, but such a state of perfect moral excellence as causes him to delight in all that is good. By his justice, I mean that excellent property of the divine nature which induces God always to do what is right. By his truth, I mean the constant harmony there is between his disposition and him.





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Can you give me a familiar explan aculties you have named?

the understanding, I mean the facting and acquiring knowledge.

the judgment, I mean the faculty oning the nature of the things presented, and reasoning upon them.

7 the conscience, I mean the faculting and feeling the difference between

r the will, I mean the faculty of freel or refusing that which is presented tion.

the affections I mean the emotions

ment throughout the whole period of my existence.

11. Your body is destined soon to perish, will your soul then continue to exist?

Yes: God, who has made my soul spiritual in its nature, has rendered it immortal in its duration. It will live when the body dies, and continue to live for evermore.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it."—Ecclesiastes xii. 7.

12. From what has been said it appears that your soul is of unspeakable worth!

Yes: to possess an immortal nature, to be an heir of eternity, is indeed to be placed in a solemn position; and the words of the Saviour should never be forgotten—"What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Matthew xvi. 26.

13. Has God created any other intelligent

beings besides mankind?

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Whether the planets and stars be inhabited by intelligent beings we cannot tell, but the Holy Scriptures inform us of the existence of spiritual beings called angels, who were created before man was made.

"Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of his word."—Psalm ciii. 20. "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God (the angels) should for joy."—Job xxxviii. 7.

# employ their power to lead mank

God spared not the angels that sinned, I down to hell, and delivered them into ness, to be reserved unto judgment."—2 ur adversary the devil, as a roaring lion t, seeking whom he may devour."—1 Peter v

- 5. How are good angels employed? hey are employed in serving and
- . They rejoice in the repentance of are ministering spirits to God's peopl say unto you, There is joy in the presents of God over one sinner that repented 10. "Are they not all ministering sp to minister for them who shall be heir n?"—Hebrews i. 14.
- 1. For what purpose did God create al

these oreatures which are without reason, rs that are without life, glorify God? glorify God in their wonderful structure, habits, and their varied uses, thus showing wisdom, power, goodness, and glory of sator.

ow are rational creatures to glorify God? glorify God in a nobler way, by loving ying him; by cheerfully devoting to him perior powers of body and mind which bestowed upon them.

y God in your body, and in your spirit, which ."—1 Corinthians vi. 20.

re we accountable to God for our conduct?
God, who is our Creator, is also our Lawd Judge. The duties we owe to him he
to be faithfully performed, and he will
'render to every one according to his
-Romans ii. 6.

Thy has God connected happiness with and obedience? ure us to that which is good. By making r lead to our welfare, he presents us with ful motive to a virtuous and holy life. once proclaims the holiness of his nature, benevolence of his disposition.

Vhy has God connected pain and misery

duce us to flee from it. All the promises, the threatenings of his word, are given for e reasons—to encourage and draw us to ich is good, and to deter us from that sevil.

om, goodness, and justice.

le doeth according to his will in the n, and among the inhabitants of the ear can stay his hand, or say unto him, Wi"—Daniel iv. 35.

. Does the Providence of God ex l as well as great matters? certainly does. The Saviour tells us hairs of our head are all numbered enly Father, and that a sparrow doth e ground without his notice.—Mat 10.

. Is not the doctrine of Divine Pre of comfort to the rightcous? r this purpose God has revealed it proper consideration thereof is well to e our minds from distressing fears and

#### SECTION III.

#### wan's original state and fall.

1. Where was the abode of our first parents when God had created them?

Their abode was the garden of Eden, a beautiful place called Paradise, prepared by God for their residence, and abounding with all that was pleasant to the eye and good for food.—Genesis ii. 8, 9.

2. What was their original state with respect to both their souls and bodies?

Their souls were formed in the image of God.

"So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."—Genesis i. 27.

3. What do you understand by the image of God?

I understand by it that the human soul was made to resemble God in three things—1. Its spiritual nature; 2. Its state of holiness and happiness; and 3. In its immortality.

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."—Ephesians iv. 24.

4. What was the state of man's body?

It was free from death. Like the soul, it was intended to live for ever.

5. Must not the state of man in Paradise have been unspeakably blessed?

Undoubtedly it was. His understanding being

e required to make him perfectly hap But was not man placed in a state of 3: as a rational creature he owed ob d, and must, therefore, be held acco s conduct. What was the particular test of once? pleased God to forbid him the use of in the garden; the tree of knowle and evil. Repeat the passage of Scripture in w. and of God on this point is given. nd the Lord God commanded the mu If every tree of the garden thou eat: but of the tree of the knowle and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for 10u eatest thereof thou shalt surely

easy, well fitted to teach man some important lessons?

Yes; it taught him that he was not his own master, but under God's authority; that though he abounded in enjoyments, he owed his all to God's goodness; that amid the happiness which he possessed, restraint and self-government were necessary; and that though his state was unspeakably blessed, its continuation could only be secured by submission to God and obedience to his holy will.

11. Did man continue to obey God?

Alas! he did not. He broke the command of God, and lost the happiness of his condition.

12. By what means were our first parents led

to disobey their benevolent Creator?

By hearkening to the persuasions of the tempter instead of attending to the plain command of God.

13. Who was the tempter? Satan, one of the fallen angels, who employed the serpent to deceive our first parents, and seduce them from God.

14. What reasons did Satan urge to induce them

to eat the forbidden fruit?

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He flatly denied that God would inflict the penalty he had threatened, saying, " Ye shall not surely die." He persuaded them that by eating of the fruit they would become wise, that they would be greatly exalted in their condition, and become, in some respects, like God himself; and he basely insinuated that God had forbidden them to use this fruit because he knew it would thus -iae and improve their state

only one in the outward act, there were ous sins included in that act of transg

What sins do you think they were? ere was the sin of unbelief. They disl truth and believed the devil's lie. he sin of covetousness. God had give ee use of all the trees except one, are de that which he had forbidden. The nof ingratitude. Though so exalted tion, they became discontented wit and ungrateful for their blessings, he sin of pride. They aspired to be li independent of him. There was the ve rebellion against God's authority. had a plain command uttered by the they dared to resist him, and yield tful persuasions of the tempter.

Your views are correct, and they as

18. What were the consequences upon

bodies and their temporal condition?

They were expelled from Eden, were do to hardship and toil, to sickness and disease finally to death itself. Then was fulfiller sentence, "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou return."—Genesis iii. 19.

19. What were the consequences spiritually

sidered?

They fell under the divine displeasure, lost the moral image of God, and became dep and corrupt in heart; they lost their title to lasting life and happiness, and became exposeternal death.

- "The wages of sin is death."—Romans vi. 23. soul that sinneth, it shall die."—Rzekiel xviii. 20.
- 20. What are the effects of the fall in refe to all mankind?

(1.) All are excluded from those enjoys

which man realized in Paradise.

(2.) All are subjected to sufferings and d for "by one man sin entered into the world death by sin; and so death passed upon .!! I —Romans v. 12.

(3.) All are born in sin; that is, destituthat original righteousness which Adam posses

having their nature corrupted, and being estre

(4.) Our corrupt nature does of itself exclu from God's favour, disinherit us of our ti eternal life, and render us exposed to everla death. They are. There is no portion of taily exempt.

They are all gone aside, they are all togony: there is none that doeth good, no main. 3. "For all have sinned and on glory of God."—Romans iii. 23.

2. With what feelings should we m

re an ful truths?

Ve should think upon them with f-abasement, with sorrow of heart, red to sin, and with an anxious densed from our iniquity, and restor our and image of God.

SECTION IV.

tion, and curse of sin, and a restoration to the favour and image of God.

3. By whom are we redeemed?

By the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matthew i. 21. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John iii. 16.

4. Did not the Lord Jesus become man for our salvation?

Yes: though he was truly and properly God, of the same nature with the Father, he took upon him our nature; thus uniting a human body and soul with his Divinity, so that he is both God and man.

"Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh."—I Timothy iii. 16. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace."—Issiah ix. 6.

5. Was not the human nature of Jesus born free from sin?

Truly so. The Scriptures teach us that he was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary, and that his nature was holy and without spot.—Matthew i. 20; Luke i. 35.

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"Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners."—Hebrews vii. 26.

6. Did Jesus Christ pass through this wicked

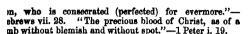
"Who did no sin, neither was guile nouth."—1 Peter ii. 22.

7. Were there not testimonies g

There were such testimonies given levils, and by the Father himself in a Ieaven. His enemies and persecutor othing whereof to accuse him; the ondemned him to death, pronounced ent. When Satan came to tempt hin nd no evil in him; and the Father om Heaven proclaimed, "This is my to whom I am well pleased."—Man than xiv. 30; Matthew iii. 17.

8. For what purposes was the spotle: Christ necessary?

It was necessary to furnish a norfo



9. Did not the Saviour perform many miraculous orks?

He went about doing good, healing the sick, storing sight to the blind, cleansing the leper, sting out devils, and raising the dead. He conolled the winds and the sea; he multiplied five aves and fishes to feed as many thousands of cople; and all nature was under his power.—cts x. 38.

10. Why did Jesus perform these miracles?

They testified his goodness and love; for nearly l of them were deeds of benevolence. They are the divinity of his mission as the true

oved the divinity of his mission as the true essiah, and they proclaimed his godhead.

"The same works that I do bear witness of me."—hn v. 36.

11. The Scriptures often speak of the sufferings 'Christ; in what did those sufferings consist? He suffered from man in his being despised and jected, mocked, tortured, and crucified: he suffered from Satan in being grievously tempted: this most awful sufferings were those endured om the justice of God, so that in agony he sweat

it were great drops of blood, and when on the ose he exclaimed, "My God, my God, why hast ou forsaken me?"—Luke xxii. 44; Matthew xvii. 46.

12. Why did the Redeemer endure sufferings id death?

le bare our sins in his own body on the tree."eter ii. 24.

13. Why was it necessary that Christ showl fer in order to procure our redemption? Because God is wise, holy, and just, as well acious and merciful, and it became him, in the lemption of man, to have regard to all his attates, and to the honour of his law, and to the of his government.

14. How does the death of Christ manifest.

14. How does the death of Christ manifest rect to the justice and holiness of God? In that he suffered as an atoning sacrifice. Ju

e had pronounced as an atoming sacrinee. It is a pronounced the penalty of death upon to insgressor, and to have annulled the penalthout satisfaction in some way, would have no set aside the claims of justice altogether it salvation through an atonement proclaim

on of sins that are past, through the forbearance of lod; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousess: that he might be just, and the justifier of im which believeth in Jesus."—Romans iii. 25, 26.

16. How does it appear that the sacrificial death of Christ was sufficient to make atomement for sin? It appears in these facts—1. The sacrifice of hrist was that of an innocent and holy being. 2. was the sacrifice of one who died willingly; and having no sins of his own to die for, he could by down his life freely for others. 3. It was the acrifice of a being of infinite dignity and glory, and therefore possessing an infinite value and flicacy.

17. Do not the Scriptures expressly declare at the sacrifice of Christ was acceptable and

ell pleasing to God?

They expressly state that "Christ hath loved, and hath given himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."—phesians v. 2.

18. Did not God give visible manifestation to en of his acceptance of the sacrifice of Christ?

He did, in four remarkable instances.

19. Name them.

(1.) By miraculously rending the vail of the mple at the moment of the Saviour's death, thus lowing that his work was finished, the Jewish spensation ended, and that the way to the holiest as fully opened. (2.) By the resurrection of Christ the third day; for had his atonement been sufficient, God would not have raised him from the mb. (3.) By his ascension to heaven, when we

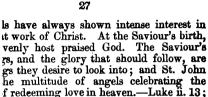
nd he is the propitiation for our sins, an only, but for the sins of the whole world.

"For where sin abounded, grace did m 1."—Romans v. 20.

Is there no other way of salva gh Jesus Christ? 2 Saviour himself expressly declares

man cometh unto the Father but by m. "Neither is there salvation in any a is none other name under heaven given any we must be saved."—Acts iv. 12.

Does not the atonement of Christ a glorious manifestation of God's char, it proclaims "glory to God in thel it announces "peace on earth a oward men." All the displays of



i. 11, 12; Kevelation v. 11, 12. Vhat does the atonement teach us respecting

it is so hateful to God that it cannot go shed; for if it ruined our first parents, death and misery into the whole world. ld not be pardoned without the sufferings t, how can they escape who continue to ts practice?

shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" 's ii. 3.

rat is meant by Christ being the " Lamb of n from the foundation of the world?" i. 8.

notes God's gracious purpose to give for man's salvation, and shows that the of his death reaches backward through iges to the period when man first fell by ence.

'ow were men saved before the coming of

same way men are saved now; by faith iviour. Before he appeared men believed iour who was to come; now, they believe iour who has come.

28. You are quite correct. That eari ould not have been called the gospel mtained the substance of its glad turn was the gospel made known to me ming of the Redeemer?

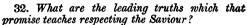
Not with the same clearness and ful now revealed, yet with sufficient spire men with hope in the divine direct the confidence of the penital e promised deliverer.

29. Was not the plan of redemption

ade known to mankind?

Yes, it was gradually unfolded like tay, as it advances from the dawn teridian brightness.

30. What means did God employ to racious purpose in man's redemption?



It teaches: (1.) That he should take upon him our nature-for he should be of the seed of the (2.) That he should suffer—for his heel

should be bruised. (3.) That he should completely conquer Satan and destroy his dominion-" he shall bruise thine head."

33. Is there not reason to believe that this promise was well understood to apply to the Redeemer and his work on man's behalf?

The sacrifice of Abel supports this view; and it is probable the promise was accompanied with other instructions that are not now recorded, and also with directions as to the rites that ought to be used in performing religious worship.

"By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts."-Hebrews xi. 4.

34. Wherein was the sacrifice of Abel more

excellent than that of Cain?

It was offered in penitence and faith. By offering the life of a victim, Abel at once confessed his guilt as a sinner deserving death, expressed his need of an atonement, and his dependence on the promised deliverer.

35. What do you understand by types of Christ? They were sacred emblems appointed by God to represent the character and work of Christ, to the minds of men who lived in those ages which were before the coming of our Lord. A great part of the Jewish worship consisted of things which prefigured the Saviour and the blessings proceeding every age they increased in manand fulness, until at last they became r lescriptive of the character, sufferings, of Christ, and foretold the very time of his high.

f which salvation the prophets have enquired iddigently, who prophesied of the grace deome unto you: searching what, or what man the Spirit of Christ which was in them did sit testified beforehand the sufferings of Christlory that should follow."—I Peter i. 10, 11.

7. Were those prophecies fulfilled? hey were so exactly fulfilled, that their it is one of the clearest proofs of the tri gospel; and by comparing the prophecie events of Christ's life and death, some st stubborn infidels and blasphemers have relied to confess that Christianity is of the Sunion 
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Was the intercession of Christ she by the office of the Jewish priesthood? ras, and that in a very impressive m the high priest had offered the ce on the great day of atonemenly entered into the most holy place before the mercy seat, which was cethe cloud of the Divine glory, and the ided a portion of the blood of the slauger, and offered up hoty incense and praecople.—Leviticus xvi. 12-14.

How does this represent the interces Christ?

the fact that Jesus Christ having fire reat atonement, by the sacrifice of hous life, afterwards ascended on hig ed not into the holy place made with

16. The passage you have just quoted, speaks of Christ appearing for us in the presence of God. Is there, then, great importance in the fact of his

presence in heaven as our intercessor?

His appearance in Heaven as God and man united is a great fact, and it shows that his atoning work is finished and approved of God, that all the conditions which Christ undertook to accomplish on man's behalf are completed, and therefore his presence in heaven is a constant appeal to the Father's faithfulness and love for the bestowment on man of all promised blessings.

17. Your views are quite scriptural, and the consideration of these truths is full of comfort and satisfaction. You stated that Christ is also a

kina.

Yes: he is exalted a prince as well as a Saviour; and his exaltation to the mediatorial throne arises. from the work he has completed by his humiliation and death.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name," &c .- Philippians ii**. 9.** 

18. What is the nature of his kingdom?

His kingdom is not one of worldly pomp and splendour, but a spiritual kingdom in which he has dominion over the hearts and lives of men.

"My kingdom is not of this world."—John xviii. 36. "The kingdom of God is within you."—Luke xvii. 21. "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghest."-Romans xiv. 17.

19. What is implied in his kingly office?

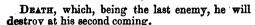
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Anon ye not, that to whom ye field yours s to obey, his servants ye are to whom ther of ain unto death, or of obedience un asss."—Romans vi. 16. "Thy people shall he day of thy power."—Psalm cx. 3.

- 21. What we the privileges of his subj He defends them in dangers, conquemies, gives them a share in all the visachieved, and will finally exalt then ith him in his glorious kingdom.
- "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the hn xvi. 33. "I give unto them eternal lifuall never perish, neither shall any man plu? my hand."—John x. 28.

--- Christ's enemics?



"The Lord hath said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."—Psalm cx. 1. "Having spoiled principalities and powers he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them it."—Colossians ii. 15. "For he must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."—I Corinthians xv. 25, 26.

23. Will there not be a time when his kingdom in this world shall be universal?

Yes: the scriptures foretell a period, when he, as a king, shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth: when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.—Psalm lxxii. 8; Revelation xi. 15.

## SECTION VI.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS OFFICES.

1. What are your views respecting the Holy

Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the godhead. He is of the same essence as the Father and the Son, and has the same attributes and perfections, being equal with them in power and glory.

2. Is not creation ascribed to him together with

the Father and the Son?

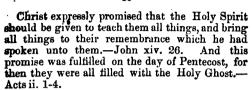
Yes: For the Holy Scripture states that "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters!"

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In you repeat any portions of Scr support that statement? o his agency in nature, the Psalmis' i sendest forth thy spirit, they are cr enewest the face of the earth."—Psal and as to his influence in the human id that Bezaleel was filled with the Swhich gave him wisdom and understa 8 xxxi. 3.

Vhat is the work performed by the in the economy of redemption and sale the economy of redemption he is its and apostles to reveal the will of nfirmed their testimony by mire; and he is the Divine Author of the ires.

What Scripture proof have you that p



8. What do you understand by the inspiration

which God gave to these holy men?

It was such an influence as taught and directed them what to communicate from God to mankind, and which also preserved them from error in communicating the same.

9. Are we, then, to regard their teachings as

having the authority of God?

Whatever they taught, commanded, predicted, or promised in the name of God, is to be regarded as coming from God himself, and enforced by his authority.

10. Are the teachings of prophets and apostles to be regarded as having the same divine sanction

as the teachings of Jesus Christ?

They must have the same authority, because they proceed from the same author. God is that author.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke unto our fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."—Hebrews i. 1.

11. You have said that the miracles of Scripture are ascribed to the agency of the Holy Spirit; can you name some passages wherein this is declared?

Paul says that his ministry was attended with "mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the ction of the sames.

if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then igdom of God is come unto you."—Matthew xii. Being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by it."—I Peter iii. 18. "He that raised up Christ e dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by cit that dwelleth in you."—Romans viii. 11.

What are the offices which the Holy Spirit ms for us in the work of our personal salva-

enlightens the understanding, and convince sin, and blesses all the ordinances and mean s appointed.

1d when he (the Spirit) is come, he will reprove the of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."
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. Does not the Holy Spirit strive or plea

conscised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the foly Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."—Acts vii. 51.

15. Why is the Holy Spirit called the Comforter?

Because he gives peace and consolation to the believer, strengthens him for the discharge of his duty, and supports him under all the trials and temptations of life.

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth."—John xiv. 16, 17.

16. What other offices does the Holy Spirit perform in our behalf?

He testifies of Christ, he leads and guides his people into the way of truth; he bears witness of the divine favour; be sanctifies our hearts; and he helps us in prayer.

17. How does the Holy Spirit testify of Christ?
By blessing the means used to make Christ known to men, and by giving to our minds clear, bright, and transporting views of his character and work.

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."—John xvi. 14.

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18. Where is the guidance of the Holy Spirit promised and declared?

In John xvi. 13, our Lord declares, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." And St. Paul says, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."—Rom. viii. 14.

St. Paul, speaking of benevers, shed, and sanctified, and justified the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of Cor. vi. 11.

21. How does the Holy Spirit help By showing us our need, unfold ses of God, stirring up our desires ssings, and strengthening our fai

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our know not what we should pray for as Spirit itself maketh intercession for us itch cannot be uttered. And, he tha arts knoweth what is the mind of the maketh intercession for the saints a ll of God."—Romans viii. 26. 27.

22. What is meant by the interoly Spirit? Does he plead for a red of God?

23. Is it not the privilege of God's children that the Holu Spirit should dwell in their hearts?

He is said to make the heart of the true believer his temple. As the glory of God filled the temple of Solomon at its dedication, so the Holy Spirit enters the hearts of God's people at their conversion, and fills them with light and joy.

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?"—I Corinthians vi. 19. "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."—Romans viii. 9.

24. What are the fruits of the Spirit?

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, emperance; against such there is no law."—halatians v. 22, 23.

25. Is the Holy Spirit's influence necessary to

r salvation?

Without it, no means of grace would be effectual. ithout it, our hearts would never be enlightened I changed. We are so ignorant, depraved, and pless, that without the Holy Spirit's aid we ald perish in our sins.

3. Seeing that we are guilty, polluted, and orthy, how is it that the influence of the Holy

it is imparted to us?

ke all other blessings, it comes to us through ederming work of Christ. When man fell, Holy Spirit was withdrawn from him, but it he efficacious work of Christ it is re; and the design of his influence is to bring ack to the favour and image of God.

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"But they rebelled and vexed his Holy be ore he was turned to be their enemy, and foug them."—Isaiah lxiii. 10. "Unto whom I aw wrath that they should not enter into my rest xev. 11.

28. How may we obtain the help of a Spirit?

By prayer, for God has said that if know how to give good gifts unto their how much more will he give his Holy them that ask him?—Luke xi. 13.

## SECTION VII.

SALVATION-THE BLESSINGS IT INC

-- do you understand by a :

from its guilt and penalty, receives us into his favour.

3. Is this the common meaning of the word to

justify?

This is always its meaning, as used in the Scriptures, respecting the salvation of the believer, but not as it is generally used among men on other subjects. For example: In a court of law, to justify, is to pronounce a person innocent, because there is no evidence of his guilt; but in the gospel, it is to deliver a man from guilt by an act of pardon.

4. Do the Scriptures speak of pardon and jus-

tification as being the same?

They do; both these terms are used to denote the same blessing.

"Be it known unto you, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Acts xiii. 38, 39. See also Romans iv. 1-8.

5. If these terms apply to the same blessing, why are both used?

They help to give us a clearer and richer view of the state intended. The words pardon, for-giveness, and such like, denote the *freeness* of the blessing, as given by an act of pure mercy and grace, to the exclusion of all merit; and the word justification expresses the *completeness* of our pardon, being as complete a deliverance from guilt and condemnation as if we were really just, and had never sinned at all.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God."—1Jc And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, s irs with Christ."—Romans viii. 17.

7. Is it the privilege of the believer t at he is an adopted child of God?

It is the common privilege of God's r it is expressly said the Holy Spirit i bear witness to our adoption.

"For ye have not received the spirit of bonda fear, but ye have received the spirit of a hereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself tness with our spirit, that we are the children a Romans viii. 15, 16. "And because ye are s th sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your ying, Abba, Father."—Galatians iv. 6.

8. What is meant by the witness of a irit?

conversation in the world."—2 Corinthians i. 12. "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn to God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God."—1 John iii. 19-21.

9. What is meant by the witness of the Holy

Spirit?

It is a manifestation of God's favour made to the soul of the believer by the direct influence of the Holy Spirit; so that with filial confidence we are constrained to call God our Father.

10. What is the difference between the witness of our own spirit and that of the Holy Spirit?

The witness of our own spirit is the dictate of reason; but the witness of the Holy Spirit is a manifestation to our consciousness. We know we are God's children, because we enjoy his love in our hearts.

11. What is the utility of the two witnesses?

The witness of our own spirit is a guard against enthusiasm, and the witness of the Holy Spirit is a guard against despondency. The former, if alone, would leave the mind open to distressing doubts; but the latter excludes doubt and inspires a comfortable assurance that we are God's children. In a matter of such importance as our salvation, it was requisite that the soul should be guarded both against delusion on the one hand, and distressing doubts on the other; and this result is secured by the conjoint testimony of the two witnesses. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God!"

things are passed away, and behold all ome new."—2 Corinthians v. 17.

13. When does regeneration take plac At the moment we receive the Spiri n. The Holy Spirit then entering d shedding abroad the love of God t come renewed in the spirit of our r ing forth the fruits of the Spirit to d glory of God.

"After that ye believed, ye were sealed wirit of promise."—Ephesians i. 13.

14. Wherein is regeneration distingustification? Justification is the pardon of sin, Re the renewal of our nature. Justific

the renewal of our nature. Justific t of mercy which God performs for ration is a gracious state wrought istification is a change in our relative

which, from being children of writer the children of his love; regenerange in our moral dispositions and at hich we are restored to God's likeness 15. Is it indispensably necessary like this great change?

Yes. Every heart is required thus to be renewed, for without it we cannot love or serve God on earth, nor can we enter the kingdom of heaven when we die.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John iii. 3.

16. What is sanctification?

Sanctification means separation from sin and dedication to God. In the believer, sanctification is the carrying forward and perfecting of the work of grace begun in regeneration.

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them."—Rzekiel xxxvi. 25-27.

17. What is entire sanctification?

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It is to be wholly cleansed from sin, and filled with love to God and man; and to live continually under the influence of this love.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Thessalonians v. 23.

18. Is not entire sanctification spoken of in Holy Scripture under the name of perfect love?

It is with good reason called "perfect love," because love to God and man is the exerce of

are we in this world. There is no fear ir feet love easteth out fear."—I John iv. 17.

19. Is this state of sanctification the present life?

It is both promised as a privileg manded as a duty.

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cle sin."—1 John i. 7. "Sanctify yourselves be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God."— "Having therefore these promises, dearly cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the filperfecting holiness in the fear of God."—2 Co

20. May not believers, however far holiness, continue to grow therein this?

There is no limit fixed to the Chris ments. Babes in Christ, young men. other blessings do believers receive ist?

possible to specify all those blessings, e remarked that believers are entitled blessings of the covenant of grace: set to God in prayer—habitual fellow-lod as their friend—consolation in cour and strength in the season of grace according to their day—the of affliction—and the assurance that ork together for their good, are some ags secured to them through Christ.

are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ forinthians iii. 22, 23. "And we know that together for good to them that love God." 28.

rewards await the believer after death? its are received into heaven immedeath; their bodies shall be raised ve at the last day; and both body and glorified with Christ for ever.

nfident, I say, and willing rather to be body, and to be present with the Lord."—
. 8. "And if I go and prepare a place for a again, and receive you unto myself; that re ye may be also."—John xiv. 3.

# SECTION VIII.

CONDITIONS OF SALVATION.

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that there is one God; thou does to believe and tremble. But wilt then, that faith without works is dead?"—

he special object of saving faith? jectof faith is Christ; for white is

has respect to the whole testimony of God, it must have an especial reference to the atoning work of Christ, because by it our salvation is procured. Saving faith in Christ is the soul's reliance upon him, to the exclusion of every other object.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."—Acts xvi. 31.

6. Does faith in Christ for salvation exclude all

dependance upon merit in ourselves?

We have no personal merit, except the merit of punishment for our sins. To suppose we merit any blessing from God, is both to believe a fiction and to reject the Saviour, who is the only meritorious cause of man's salvation.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Corinthians iii. 11.

7. Do repentance and faith give us a title to the

blessings of salvation?

Not in the sense of meriting those blessings; but as fulfilling God's own appointed conditions of salvation, they give us a claim to God's gracious promise of pardon through the atonement of Christ.

8. May the vilest sinners expect mercy on these

easy conditions?

As there is but one way of salvation for all, so all are made welcome by that way. The best among men are depraved, guilty, and helpless, and to the worst among men the promise of pardon is freely offered, on condition of their repentance and faith in Christ.

"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."—

n, stands in the perfectly innocent and manner we a personal claim to the divine fine he has no personal righteousness, lontrary, is depraved and guilty, highest stands in the place of a perfect and gives him an evangelical claim to of God through Christ Jesus.

"To him that worketh not, but believeth justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted fress."—Romans iv. 4, 5. "Where is boasti is excluded. By what law? Of works? Na law of faith."—Romans iii. 27.

10. Does salvation by faith release obligation of obedience to the law of Not any. It releases us from the hondage of the law, but leaves the full force, and at the

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after we are justified as there was before.
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eath.

"Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."—Hebrews x. 38. "Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward."—Hebrews x. 35.

12. What happy results spring from this neces-

sity of constant dependence on Christ?

A constant recollection of our sin and helplessness, which promotes our humility; a view of Christ's abundant grace and all sufficiency, which excites our gratitude and love; and a state of blessed union with Christ, which nourishes all the graces of the Holy Spirit, and strengthens us for every good word and work.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."—John xv. 4, 5.

## SECTION IX.

#### OUR DUTIES IN GENERAL.

1. You have said that the gospel does not release us from obedience to God's law: what is the law of God?

The law of God consists of the rules by which

3. What do you mean by the ceremonial

I mean the numerous rites and cere nich were enjoined upon the Jews in the ip, their sacrifices, and their peculiar cuspeople.

"Which stood in meats and drinks, and divers v l carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the ormation."—Hebrews ix. 19.

4. Why is this law not to be observed by Because its design has been fulfilled. joined upon the Jews as a means of instem in the grand designs of the gospel, besigns being fully opened and accomplise e coming of Christ, the ceremonial langer necessary, and therefore is become solished.

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"Ye have heard that it hath been a eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say resist not evil."—Matthew v. 38, 39.

6. What do you mean by the m I mean all those precepts wh moral conduct; precepts which duties which all men, in all agowe to God as their creator, and fellow-creatures.

7. Has not God given us a brie duties?

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8. Repeat those ten command
I. Thou shalt have no other
II. Thou shalt not make to
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water under the earth: thou
to them, nor worship them
God am a jealous God, and
fathers upon the children,
fourth generation of them

and keep my commandmer III. Thou shalt not take thy God in vain; for the guiltless that taketh his no

show mercy unto thousands

arth, the sea, and all that in them is, ar he seventh day; wherefore the Lord ble eventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, lays may be long in the land which the I

lod giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder. VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness hy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour hou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife. ervant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his mything that is his.

9. Are not these commandments to be sp

understood?

It condemns the heathen doctrine of gods many and lords many, and all idolatry. It proclaims Jehovah alone the true God, and the only object of worship and adoration, and requires us to love him above all other objects.

11. What do you understand by the second com-

mandment?

While it plainly forbids the gross acts of idolatry, such as are practised by Pagans and Papists, it requires us to avoid all idolatry of the soul, and teaches that God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—

John iv. 24.

12. What do you understand by the third com-

mandment?

It forbids all irreverent use of God's name, all profane swearing and perjury, all hypocrisy and dissimulation. It requires truth in speech and sincerity of heart—"truth in the inward parts."—Psalm li. 6.

13. What do you understand by the fourth com-

mandment?

I understand that God, who is the author of my life, has required one day in seven to be set apart from labour and devoted to religious purposes; on which day I am not only to avoid worldly occupations, but worldly thoughts, conversation, and pleasures.

"If thou turn away thy foot from (profaning) the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, and honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own



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"Children obey your parents in the Lord: : right."—Ephesians vi. 1.

15. What do you understand by the si

I am required thereby, not only not to the life of a fellow-creature, but to forbeshim in his person, character, or estate avoid all hatred, envy, and malice, and towards him nothing contrary to love an

"Whose hateth his brother is a murderer."

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I am required by it to avoid not only all acts of theft, but all fraud, injustice, and oppression; and in all my transactions with men to act as Christ has commanded me, saying, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this the law and the prophets."

—Matthew vii. 12.

18. What do you understand by the ninth com-

mandment?

I understand thereby that I am to shun not only all false accusations, but all detraction and backbiting; all slandering and tale-bearing; and even when duty compels me to testify against the conduct of a fellow-creature, I am to speak the truth in meekness and love.

19. What is enjoined in the tenth command-

ment?

It strikes at the root of sin, directing the precept at once to the heart, and forbidding the indulgence of even a covetous desire. The faithful application of this precept to the heart reveals the depravity of our nature, and its observance requires the renewal of our souls in the image of God.

20. Has not our Lord given us a brief summary

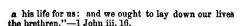
of the whole law in two commandments?

He has, in the following words—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.—Mark xii. 30, 31; Matt. xxii. 40.

to that it is a substitute for practical opet because it is the principle of all obedience ompts us to perform our duties from the we love God, we shall hate all sin ar liness. If we love our neighbour we shally refrain from injuring him, but feel ha ing him good. Thus love to God and iders obedience our element and our delige. Did not our Lord enjoin a new comnt upon his followers?

Yes; he said, "A new commandment to you, that ye love one another; as 'ed you, that ye also love one another."-i. 34.

23. In what respect mas this commar vf Not new in its nature, for under the Old mt man ware commanded to love their



24. Does not Holy Scripture speak about our aving the law of God written on our hearts?

Yes; it is declared, "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."—Jeremiah xxxi. 33; Hebrews viii. 10.

25. What do you understand by the law of God

being written upon the heart?

I understand that God will give his Holy Spirit to his people, which will both enlighten the mind to perceive the will of God, and create a disposition to perform it. He will cause the conscience to dictate what is right, the will to approve what is right, and the affections to delight therein.

"He shall guide you into all truth."—John xvi. 13. "All thy people shall be taught of God."—Isaiah liv. 13. "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."—Psalm exliii. 10. "That ye might be filled with all the knowledge of his will."—Colossians i. 9.

26. If a true Christian should break any of God's laws by falling into known sin, what would

be the consequence?

The consequences would be awful indeed. He would lose the favour of God, his peace of conscience, and his privileges as a child of God, and fall under guilt and condemnation; nor tould he be restored without sincere repentance and a fresh reliance upon the atonement of Christ.

the public means of grace, and live in the a irit of prayerful dependence upon God; he have fixed times for closet devotion are lly observe them; he ought to be diliger wful calling, and industriously employ to dead has given him; and, always conscious neakness, he should look to God for a degrace according to his day.

### SECTION X.

HE MEANS OF GRACE-RELIGIOUS ORDIN

1. What do you understand by religio inces?
I mean those acts of worship and religi

nanded "not to forsake the assembling selves together."—Hebrews x. 25.

"O come, and let us worship and bow dov kneel before the Lord our blaker."—Psalr "Wherever two or three are gathered together in there am I in the midst of them."—Matthew xvi

3. Is family worship an ordinance of (God commended Abraham for his att family instruction and devotion, and he nounced his wrath against those families not upon his name.

"I know him (Abraham) that he will con children, and his household after him, and they the way of the Lord."—Genesis xviii. 19. "Poi fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and families that call not on thy name."—Jeremiah 3

4. Is private prayer an ordinance of & It is a duty expressly appointed by divirity, and its daily observance is necessar health and prosperity of the soul.

"When thou prayest enter into thy closet, thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father w secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret she thee openly."—Matthew vi. 6.

5. Is social prayer a duty to which are required to attend?

It is a duty which good men have obs all ages, and in connexion with which, o has made the most enlarged and precious;

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you s on earth as touching anything that they shall as be done for them of my Father which is in h Matthew xviii. 19.

6. Is not the Christian ministry a means which God has ordained for the conversion of sinners ۷ 11 a the earlication of vehicle God has specially ap-it is the means which God and from a conted for those important and a condition ٠,٠٠ pointed for those important ends; and from age and the edification of believers! 27 pointed for those important enust and from age to age he raises up men suitably qualified for this

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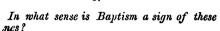
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n ordinance enjoining the application of water, lies that we are unclean, as the Scriptures clare that "ne are all as an unclean thing."—saiah lxiv. 6. And as water is an emblem of the Holy Spirit, its use in this ordinance shows forth the fact that the Holy Spirit is given to cleanse and sanctify our hearts.

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean, from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you."—Ezekiel xxvi. 25. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus iii. 5.

12. Does Baptism regenerate the soul?

Regeneration by baptism is a doctrine of human invention. No mere ceremony can regenerate the soul; this great change can be effected only by the Holy Spirit.

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."—Romans ii. 28, 20. "Not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God."—I Peter iii. 21.

13. You have quoted passages of Scripture which prove that Baptism does not of itself regenerate the soul; can you give any examples which illustrate that truth?

All who were admitted into the primitive church were admitted by baptism, but it cannot be preActs viii. 23.

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te duties and obligations recognised by baptism—to renounce the world, to forsake all sin, to dicate ourselves to God, to believe the gospel, and to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of Christ all the days of our life.

"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart rom iniquity."—2 Timothy ii. 19.

16. What is the Sacrament of the Lord's

Supper?

It is the ordinance in which Christ has commanded us to eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him.

"The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come."—1 Corinthians xi. 23-26.

17. May this ordinance be received in one kind-

that is, in the use of bread only?

To receive it in one kind only, is to disregard the words of the Saviour, for he who commanded the use of the bread, commanded also the use of the wine.

18. In what sense do you understand the words,

"This bread is my body," &c.?

I do not understand that the bread is changed into the body of Christ and the wine into his blood. n a literal serve, any body" a literal meaning. But state hink were the special objects of Christ in na this ordinance?

The special objects were to press strengthen our faith, to excite our gratilove, to promote humility and holines

cherish Christian communion.

20. How does this ordinance pres strengthen our faith?

By placing distinctly and prominent the Church the great object of the Redee ferings and death—as a sacrifice for sin words in which our Lord appointed the he states that his blood was shed not as martyr but as a sacrifical victim "for sion of sins." So long therefore as this



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of God's people, united was fellowship, the worship of God, and the of religious ordinances.

"And the Lord added to the church daily be saved."—Acts ii. 47. "The church that i —Philemon 2.

26. Who is the head of the church The only head of the church is the Christ, and no one can assume that clout invading the authority and usur rogative of Christ.

"And hath put all things under his fee to be head over all things to the Church, w —Ephesians i. 22.

SECTION XI.

given by inspiration of God, and is profitable, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in s; that the man of God may be perfect, furnished unto all good works."—2 Timothy

the Scriptures called by any other names ress their divine authority?

e called "the word of God," "the oracles the sure word of prophecy;" and many s are applied to them, showing that God their author, and that it is our duty to m with gratitude, and believe in them a confidence.

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There is not any other, because no other can aim to be infallible. The writings of men are e productions of human reason, but the sacred ritings proceed from the direct inspiration of the oly Spirit. They are therefore of divine authory, and all other writings are true only so far they are in accordance with the Sacred Scriptures. 8. Have the Scriptures always been revered all loved by good men?

They have been held in great veneration and teem by the saints in all ages. David exclaimed, O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all is day. How sweet are thy words unto my iste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"—salm exix. 97, 103.

9. Ought we not to love the Holy Scriptures as

uch as David did?
We ought to love them even more than he did, or we have more of them. David lived at a time hen little more than the Books of Moses were ritten; but we have the finished volume of evelation.

10. Are we not commanded to read the Sacred

criptures?

Our Lord has expressly said, "Search the riptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal fe: and they are they which testify of me."—ohn v. 39.

11. How ought we to read the Scriptures?

We ought to read them seriously, for they ontain the testimony of God: regularly, making our daily practice: diligently, comparing scrique with scripture, and endeavouring to under

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"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or '-2 Corinthians v. 10.

4. How will Christ come to judge the world? He will come suddenly, in great power and glory, accompanied by his holy angels.

"The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thessalonians v. 2. "Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."-Revelation i. vii. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God."—1 Thessalonians iv. 16. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."-Revelation xx. 11, 12.

5. Will all the dead be raised at the solemn

day of judgment?

Yes: at the sound of the trumpet all the dead, the wicked as well as the righteous, will be raised, and rendered immortal in body as well as in soul. At the same time, those who are alive on the earth at the second coming of Christ, will, in a moment, be changed into the same state of immortality; the righteous being thus qualified for higher enjoyments, and the wicked prepared for more dreadful sufférings.

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"It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorr is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is eakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a nature is raised a spiritual body."—I Corinthians xv. 'It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but what when he shall appear, we shall be like him; shall see him as he is."—I John iii. 2.

7. What is the sentence which the Jud

pronounce upon the righteous?

He will say unto them, "Come, ye b'my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world."—Matt.

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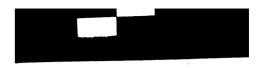
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